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GOD'S BENEFACTORS

The Lord said we are the benefactors of the earth! "Ye are the salt of the earth." "Ye are the light of the world." "Ye are my witnesses." Ye are the givers of the world, the sufferers of the world, the friends of the world; ye are the ones to carry the balm to the broken-hearted; ve are the cementers of the world, the laborers in God's great harvest field.

Jesus Christ tried to help us to see that "the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever." We have lost--shall I say the art? No--we have lost the heart of giving. One said, "He that can make two blades of grass grow where one blade grew previously is a benefactor of the world." One who can go into the home and bring peace and order out of chaos is the greatest benefactor! Jesus Christ intended that we should be known by our giving, because giving reveals love.

Love has to be demonstrated, it must be active! It cannot be a light hidden, dormant, to be recognized by the world! Love must ever be working, doing, pouring out, enlarging, and blessing others! Possibly if the Lord had said we should be the benefactors of the world, we would have understood him better. Christianity is not a reality unless you are a benefactor to the world and give out His light. "Ye are the salt of the earth" to preserve and sweeten the world!

Instead of this, the enemy has made accumulators, when God intended that we should be distributors! Jesus Christ said: "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom." God would have us great-big-hearted men and women, until the world would have to say, "Christianity is giving." When questioned, "How do you know anything about it?" they would have to answer: "I have seen it working, in action! Christian folks do not only give money, they are always looking to see if there is any way in which they can help. They want to help carry your burdens, sympathize with you, encourage you, see if they cannot find some way to comfort you and send you down life's pathway with hope springing up in your heart, blossoming and shedding forth perfume." The world will have to acknowledge that he has found at least one sincere Christian.

The Word tells us about a man "sent from God, whose name was John." That is what the world should have recognized in us--that we are men and women sent from God, not living for ourselves, not gathering for ourselves, men and women who learned the wonderful secret of God, of getting things from God's great storehouse.

As we give, God will pour out His blessings upon us! As we become benefactors to others, we partake of God's benefactions!

M. G. Standley from
-- God's Revivalist --

C.E. TONIGHT

Tonight at their regular meetings, the Senior, Intermediate, and Junior C.E. groups will elect officers for their respective clubs. As this is of great importance, all members are asked to make a special effort to be present to make a wise selection.

Due to an attack of influenza, Miss Sophie Shizume was unable to leave on Tuesday as she had planned.

arrivals

We welcome back Mary Abe from her visit to Caldwell, Idaho.

Friends in the armed forces here on their furloughs are Pvts. Frank Kimura, Tom Tsunoda, and George Nishida.

Those who arrived for a short visit in Poston are George Kimura, George Okamura, Stanley Nagata, and Joe Kobayashi. We are glad to see each one with us again.

TESTIMONY

When I was young, I went to church Sunday after Sunday, not knowing the reason why; but on a bright and sunny day I received the true meaning of going and I accepted the Lord as my personal Saviour who has saved an unworthy person as I. I have received many rich blessings since this blessed day when I gave my heart to God. I know that I have received a gift far greater than gold and that is the love of God which thousands of others have not had opportunity of.

"Lead me to some soul today,
O teach me, Lord just what to say
Friends of mine are lost in sin
And cannot find their way.
Few there are who seem to care,
And few there are who pray;
Melt my heart and fill my life,
Give me one soul today."

This song is my hope, desire and prayer to bring others to the saving knowledge of Christ so that they may share the happiness and love that I have received since knowing that God is my personal Saviour and friend with whom I can walk with step by step in the straight and narrow way which is the path to life eternal.

A sister in Christ,
Hasuye Miyamoto.

HOW TO SHINE IN A DARK WORLD

Among the souvenirs which a husband brought home from his travels was a matchbox for his wife. It was phosphorescent on the outside, and was expected to glow in the dark. So when he presented it to his wife, on his return home, he turned out the light. But all was dark.

"What's the joke?" asked the wife.

"It ought to do what it doesn't," said the man. How like folks sometimes! He therefore concluded that he had been cheated.

When the wife looked it over the next day, she observed some fine lettering in French. Taking it to some one who could read the language, she learned that the translation was: "If you want me to shine at night, keep me in the sunlight through the day." So she put it out in the sunshine.

That night, after dinner, she brought in the box, turned out the light, and there was a brilliant glow.

"How was it done?" asked her husband.

"I found the secret." she told him.

If you want to shine in dark places, you must stay in the sunlight, you must stay where the sunlight of God strikes you.

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The Church Library is grateful for the books and magazines sent in by Miss Sarah Kerr, Ft. Edward, N.Y.; and Mrs. Viktor B. Dold, Buffalo, N.Y.

Conference Report

Last Sunday night at the combined C. E. meeting, George Takaoka gave a very interesting account of his trip to Wooster, Ohio. The talk was based on his experiences with the living Christ he had come in contact with--strangers who had Christ living in them.

He also told of the followship he had shared in Cleveland, Ohio with Eleanor and Sod Nakashima, David Arata, Harry Minami, Popo Kaneyuki, John Miyabe, Lloyd Wake, Ruth Iwami, and other former active members of our Church.

Five hundred delegates from churches, universities, and colleges of 22 countries in North America, South America, Europe, and Asia, were present at this Christian conference in Wooster. George spoke of the many deep friendships with people of different nationalities and color that were realized during the conference. Although the nations they represented are at war with each other, they were all able to eat together, followship together, and pray together in a true atmosphere of love because of Christ.

Acts 17:26 - And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth.

We wish to express our sympathy to Mr. & Mrs. Shiota and family upon the recent death of Mr. Takezo Shiota here in Poston.

"As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in My love."

"Keep yourselves in the love of God." --Selected--